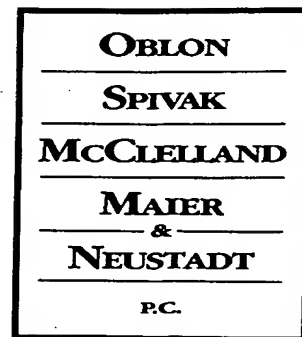




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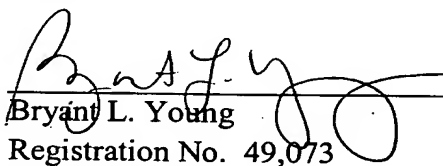
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In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed May 9, 2005, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, claims 1-22, drawn to a magnetic head element for recording/reproducing apparatus.